

# EXHIBIT A

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November 16, 2000

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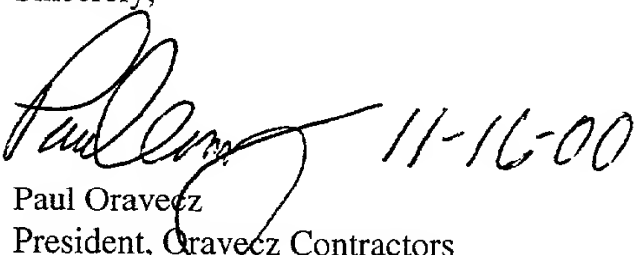
Dear Sir or Madam:

In early 1994 I discussed with Robert de Sylva his concepts for a new mobile oil recycling system. Shortly thereafter, we fabricated a prototype of the new device and installed it on one of my vehicles (Chevy Blazer). Robert de Sylva has since shown me U.S. Patent 5,824, 211 of Charles Lowry, which is very similar to the prototype that we built. Furthermore, after reviewing Robert de Sylva's patent application, it is clear that Robert de Sylva had developed the concepts described in the patent application well before the May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1995 filing date of Charles Lowry's U.S. Patent 5,824, 211.

I personally met Charles Lowry in late 1994 or early 1995. Charles Lowry was Robert de Sylva's mechanic.

I, Paul Oravec, certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Oravec  
President, Oravec Contractors

## EXHIBIT B

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Dione Apple, 1275 Barry Avenue #7, Los Angeles, CA 90025

November 16, 2000

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to a request by Robert de Sylva to provide a statement of fact, which recounts to the best of my knowledge, my dealings with Robert de Sylva and Charles Lowry as they relate to mobile oil recycling systems, the subject of Robert de Sylva's pending patent application.

Having known Robert de Sylva since 1993, I was well aware of his endeavors in the field of oil recycling systems. He was a distributor for TF Purifiner, Inc., a seller of mobile oil recycling devices.

In late 1994, Robert de Sylva orally disclosed to me concepts pertaining to a new mobile oil recycling system designed to overcome limitations of the oil recycling systems that he was currently working with. Robert de Sylva was actively pursuing these concepts in an effort to have them developed and marketed.

Also in late 1994, Robert de Sylva asked me to assist him in locating someone who could help him install the oil recycling devices on customers' automobiles. In late January of 1995, I informed Robert de Sylva that Charles Lowry had mechanic experience and was a possible candidate for assisting in the installation of oil recycling devices made by TF Purifiner, Inc., and recycling systems soon to be made by Robert de Sylva. I subsequently introduced Charles Lowry to general concepts of mobile oil recycling systems to see if he was interested, capable, and wished to assist in device installations. Charles Lowry expressed amazement, fascination, and was clearly unfamiliar with the oil recycling concepts that I presented to him. It was evident that Charles Lowry had not been introduced to the concepts before.

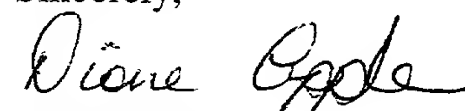
Robert de Sylva requested that I have Charles Lowry sign a confidentiality agreement before disclosing any information to Charles Lowry pertaining to oil recycling devices, and particularly before disclosing any information pertaining to Robert de Sylva's related proprietary ideas. Regretfully, I did not have Charles Lowry sign the confidentiality agreement.

In approximately mid May of 1995, Robert de Sylva called to inform me that Charles Lowry reported filing a patent application on an oil recycling system based on the information that I and Robert de Sylva disclosed to Charles Lowry during the course of oil recycling device installation work.

Upon review of the issued patent by Charles Lowry, it is apparent that Charles Lowry's patent incorporates many of Robert de Sylva's previously conceived ideas. Furthermore, upon review of Robert de Sylva's patent application, it is apparent that the general ideas presented therein were earlier developed by Robert de Sylva, for I recollect Robert de Sylva disclosing these concepts to me in late 1994 as mentioned above. The concepts include ideas pertaining to the use of a textured surface to promote evaporation and the use of an evaporation chamber contained on the interior of a filter.

I, Dione Apple, certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

  
Dione Apple

**EXHIBIT C**

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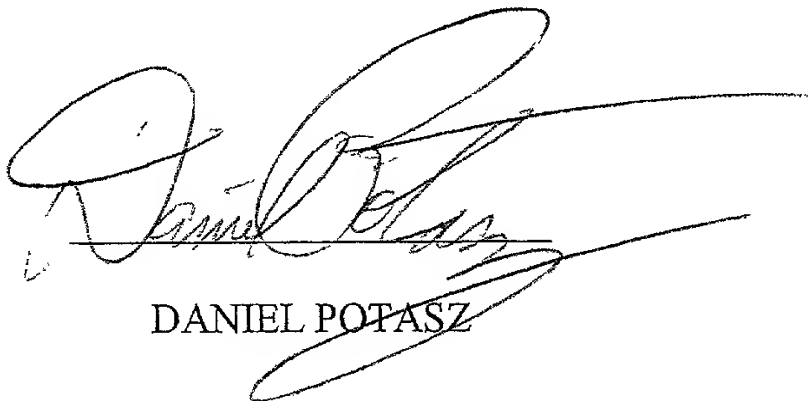
## DECLARATION

I Daniel Potasz, residing at 500 Landfair Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90024, declare that in the first part of 1995 Robert de Sylva disclosed to me various aspects of an oil-recycling device. Weeks later I dined with him and a Charles Lowry at the University Cooperative Housing Association at UCLA, wherein it was apparent that Charles had learned of the device after me.

In the spring Robert informed me that Charles filed a patent application in his own name on the device that Robert had described to me in the first part of the year. At my suggestion he immediately contacted my father, Frank Potasz, a practicing attorney in San Mateo, CA; and they discussed possible approaches to address the intellectual property theft.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

August 20, 2001



DANIEL POTASZ

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## EXHIBIT D

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August 16, 2001

Sir:

In approximately January 1995, I began speaking with mechanic Charles Lowry regarding installing oil recycling devices on automobiles. On February 2, 1995, Charles Lowry and I drove to 3300 N. San Fernando Blvd. in Burbank California to install an oil recycling unit on Peter McNulty's automobile. During the installation, I explained the shortcomings of the device that we were installing to Charles Lowry and told him about a more compact and easily installable system that I had designed. Charles Lowry became very excited and seemed obsessed with helping pursue the new design.

Unfortunately, on May 15, 1995 Charles Lowry informed me that he had filed a patent application based on the system we had discussed saying approximately: "I filed a patent on the device. Now I am trying to figure out what I need you for." The next day, I spoke with Dan Potaz, who put me in touch with Frank Potaz, an attorney. Frank Potaz indicated that he could pursue the case, but that it would be very expensive. I could not afford it and decided to wait.

On April 7, 1997, I filed a U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 08, 826, 727 on the compact mobile oil recycling system. In an associated Office Action dated January 1, 1998, Examiner M. Savage, Art Unit 1723, cited US Patent 5, 824, 211 to Lowry, as prior art against the above-identified patent application.

I had conceived the concepts and embodiments disclosed and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application well before the May 3, 1995 filing date of US Patent 5, 824, 211 to Lowry, as indicated in attachments accompanying this letter. Furthermore, I was diligent in pursuing and testing the concepts.

Sincerely,

*Robert de Sylva* 8-16-01  
Robert de Sylva

## EXHIBIT E

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DRAWING IS TO SCALE

Home

Robert de Sylva: 310-452-4579, 310-452-1003  
310-702-7627, 310-470-4409

Outside Tube: 3.0" OD, 1/8" wall.

Inside Tube: 1.0" OD, 1/8" wall.

Filter: 1.0" ID, 2.5" OD

Washers: 2 7/8" OD, 2 3/4" ID, 1/16" thick.

1 1/8" OD, 3/4" ID, 1/16" thick.

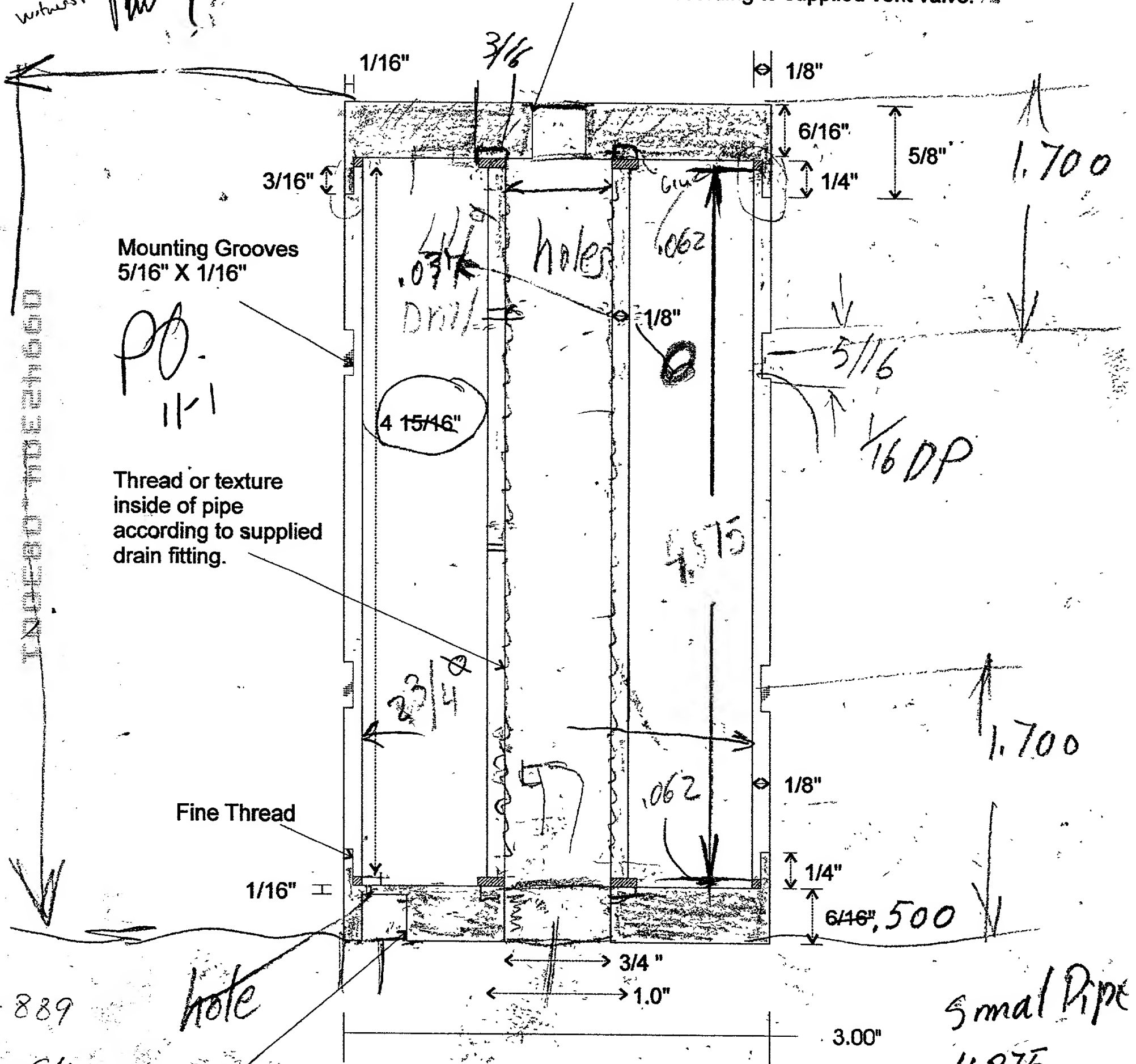
Thread according to supplied vent valve.

Mounting Grooves  
5/16" X 1/16"

Thread or texture  
inside of pipe  
according to supplied  
drain fitting.

Fine Thread

Thread according to supplied fitting.



Small Pipe

4.875

+ 1.25 - 2 Riv

1.75

Total length 5.175

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 - 775 \\
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Robert

Paul

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775

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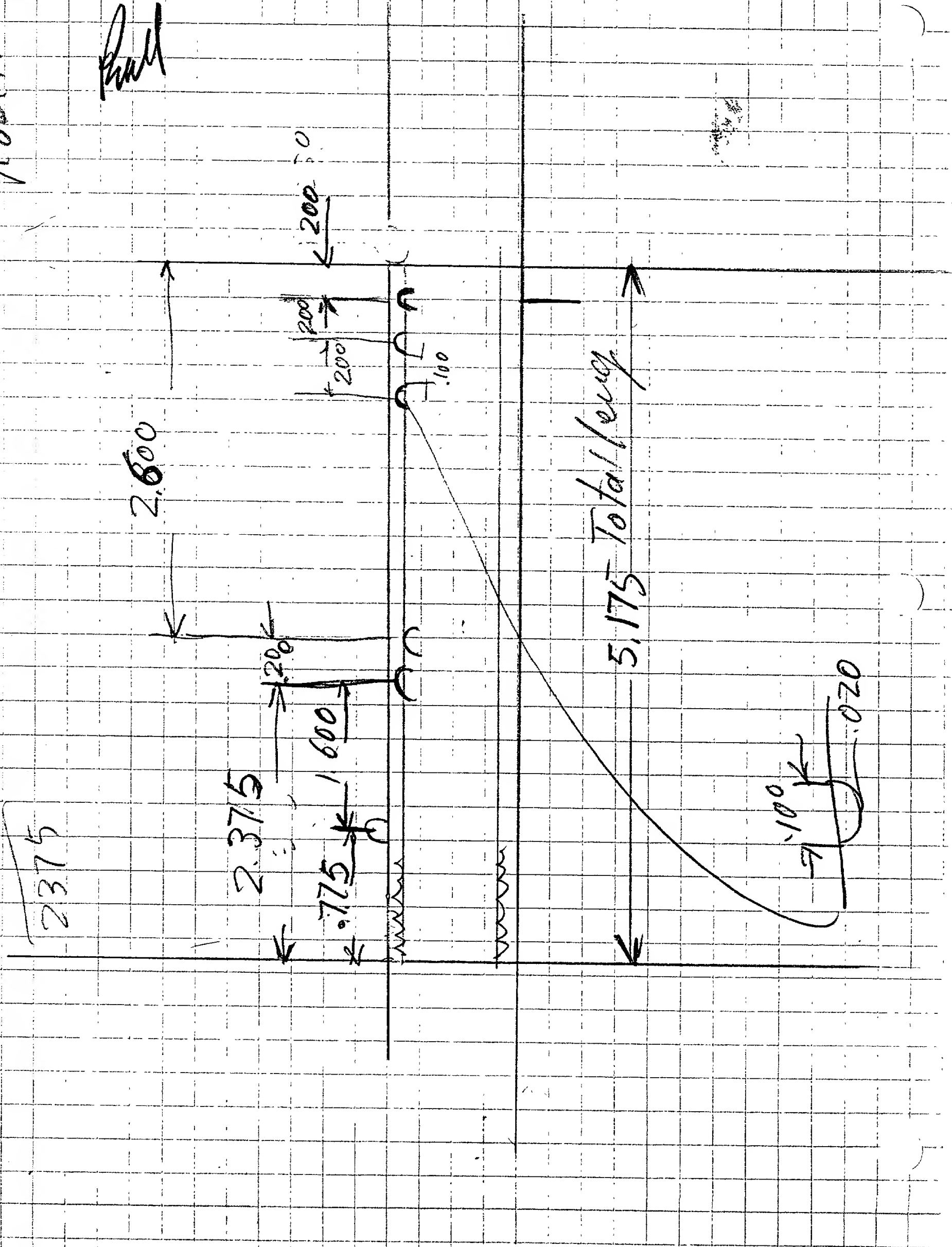
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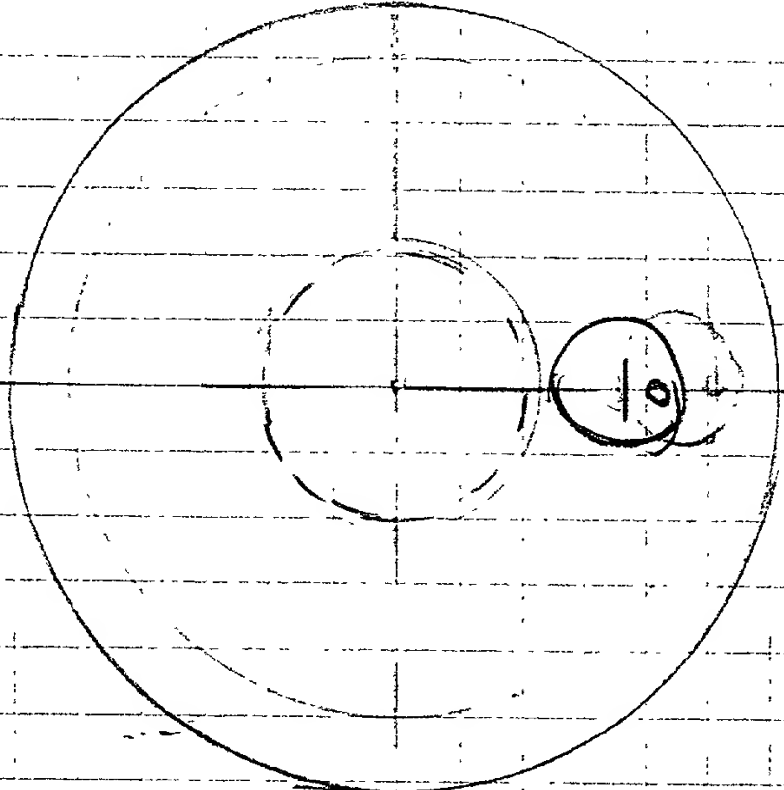
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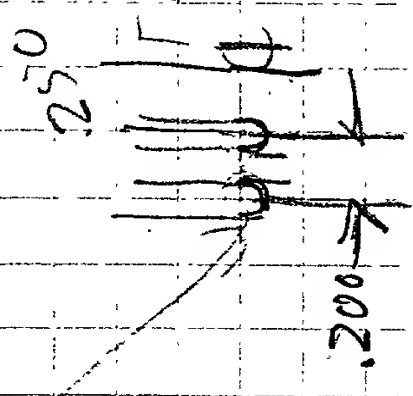
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Right side  
water:  
*[Signature]*



100 slots

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$\rightarrow .250$

$\phi .040$  Drill

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$1.200$

$\rightarrow .062$

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$1.500$

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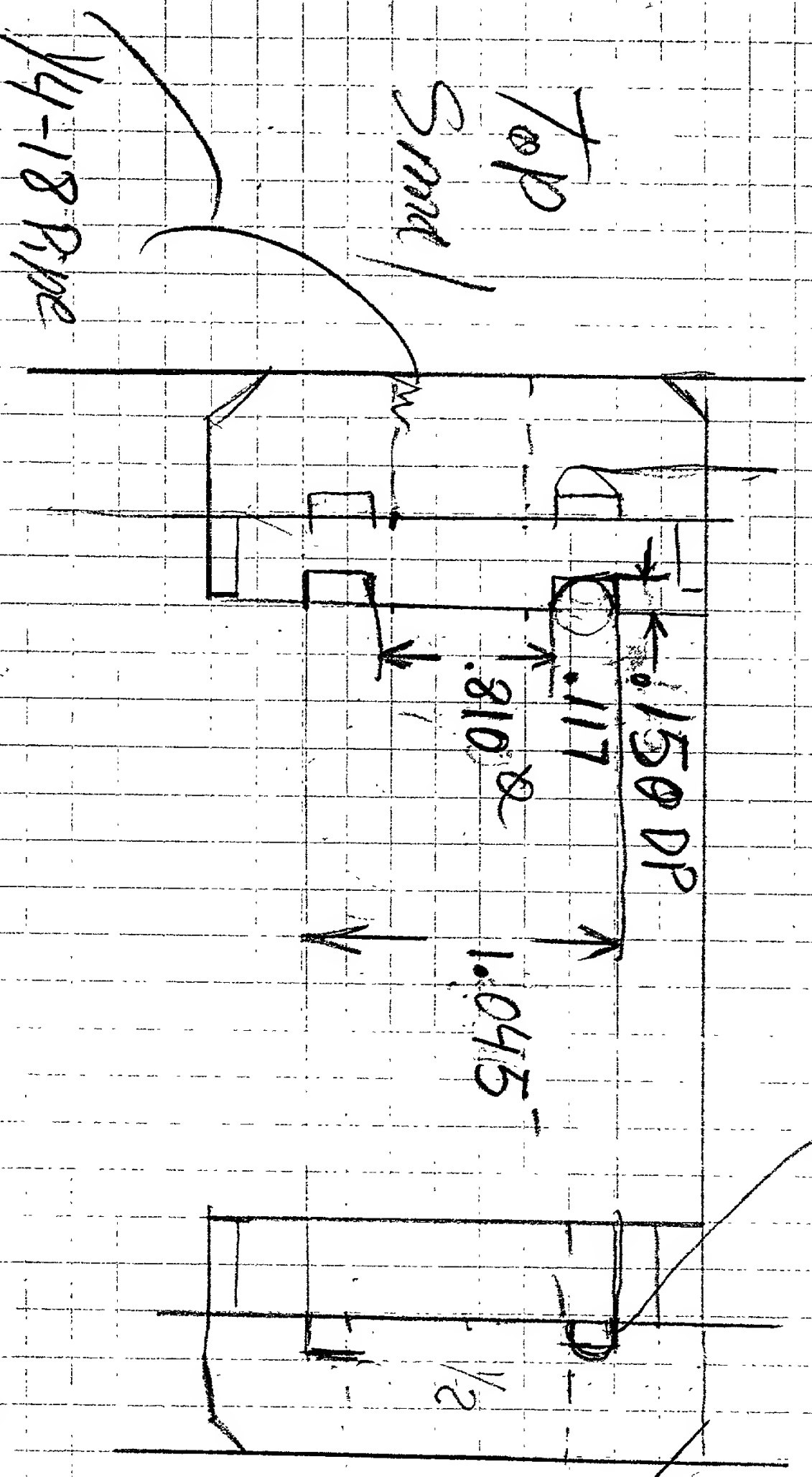
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Smol Pipe Total Length  
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Robert



1/4-18 Drill = 437  
Randy

Bottom  
Big

1/2 Pipe  
Drill

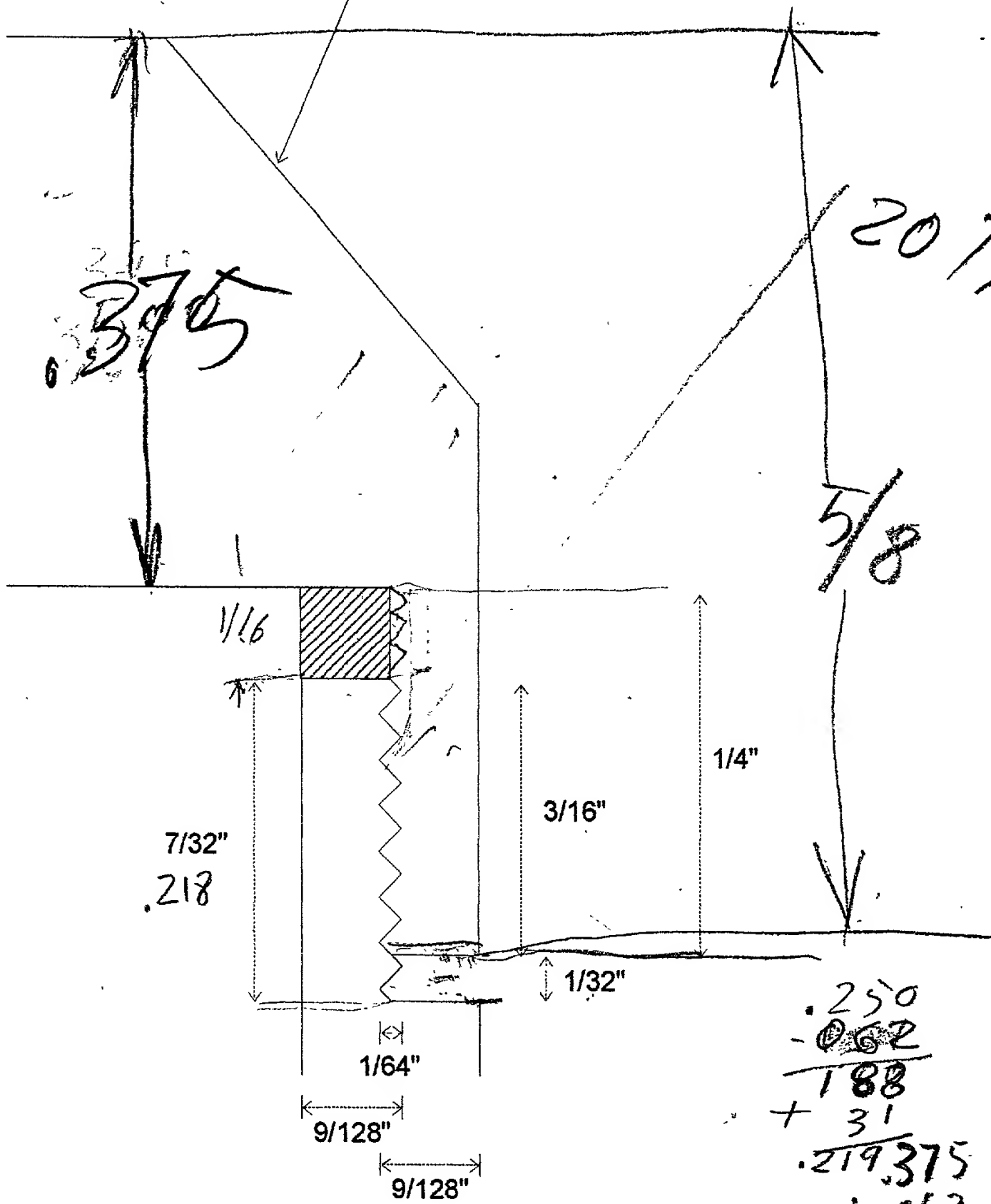
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# THREAD SIZE ESTIMATE

Product as shown  
 witness: *Pauling*

Bevel or roughen edges  
 for gripping (end cap only).



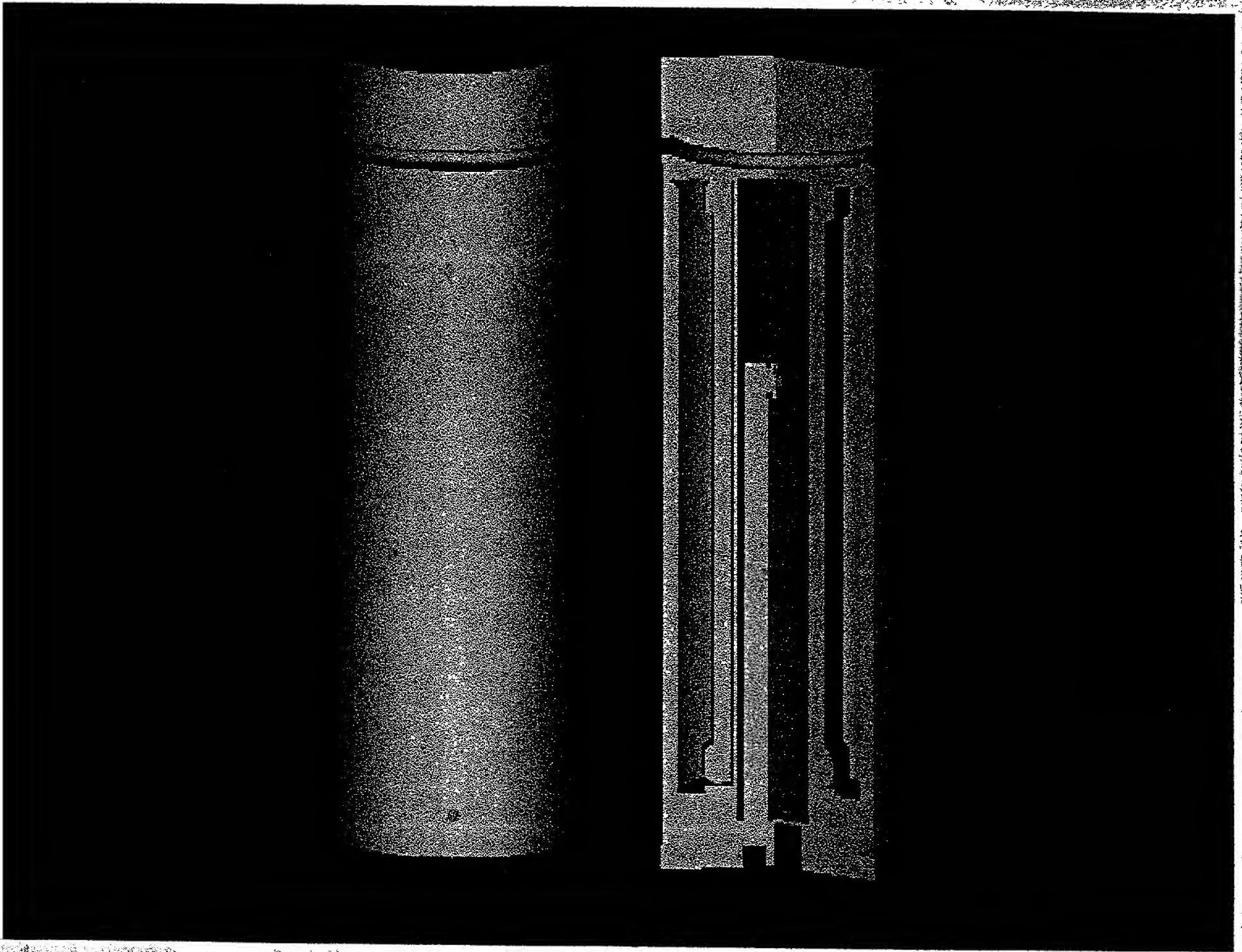
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Possible new feature: Transparent polymer cap to inspect unit functioning.  
Pressure regulator included?



- wasted space bet. filter & housing →
  - a. provide insulative material to occupy space.
  - b. use centrifugal action of oil flow in space to swing out particles.
  - c. Add extra filter element around mid core.
- Oil pressure inline lets contaminants drain back to engine.
  - a. provide coiled tube w/ holes  $\forall$  for oil exit & dispersion.
    - disperses heat from incoming oil, providing less element melting.
- If filter is snug against evaporation tube, and holes are at top of tube → filter life compromised and oil stagnation results. If oil drains back down through filter (holes at bot. of tube) → easy inspection of filter element.

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